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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of New Cost
Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and
Energy Efficiency Programs
Docket No. **2013-298-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed the filing submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") requesting the Commission's expedited consideration and approval of certain modifications to its Bring Your Own Thermostat program ("BYOT Program").

Overview of Company's Request

The Company is seeking approval from the Commission for modifications to the BYOT Program administered through the "RIDER PM (SC), POWER MANAGER LOAD CONTROL SERVICE" tariff on file with the Commission. The modifications seek to provide for the addition of a winter-focused load control component and suspend new enrollments in the existing summer-only smart thermostat option after December 31, 2020 in recognition of the increased need for load control and peak demand reductions during the winter.

The modifications also provide an increased incentive for initial enrollees to attract customers to the BYOT Program ahead of the 2020-2021 winter season and to provide financial

assistance to residential customers who may be struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic and potentially serve as a means to help customers that are behind on their electric bills.

ORS Recommendation

ORS does not object to the Company's modifications to the BYOT Program or the request for expedited approval.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ Jenny R. Pittman

Jenny R. Pittman

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)
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